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Nothing in this world stands still. All charities, even small ones like Wilmslow Wells, need to evolve to be best placed to face a future where we have more funding requests than ever. This is why the Trustees have decided to make some changes to our working arrangements. The General Committee, which hitherto has taken the lead on fundraising and done a magnificent job over many years, will now be replaced by an 'Events Team'. This will be a pool of volunteers who can be called upon to help on an event by event basis. If you can help out in some way, perhaps by making soup or baking cakes, opening your garden, moving furniture or maybe organising a new event - please respond positively to the request which will soon come to you. Alongside this, the Trustee Team will be expanded with Trustees serving a three year period on a rolling basis. Their job will be to ensure that adequate funds continue to be raised, the best projects are selected for funding and these are then guided to a satisfactory conclusion.

The number of projects we fund linked to schools is increasing. Nowadays, a new school can only open in many countries if it has a clean water supply even if the community it serves doesn't. Also, schools struggle to attract teachers if they don't have suitable toilets with hand-washing. When we provide these facilities, it can make the difference between whether a locality has a school or not. Once provided at the school, the borehole may be made available to the wider community making an even bigger difference.

A local school has expressed an interest in becoming more involved with Wilmslow Wells. We can talk to the children about life in Africa, encouraging them to get involved with our work. Maybe twinning with one of the schools we have helped would be possible. Ann Elphick has kindly volunteered to act as our Schools Liaison.



Water storage tank at Wakiso School, Uganda (Project 414)

THANK YOU



The Spring Souperday in March raised £1,680, the 'Quiz and Pudding' evening in April (left) was good fun and raised over £1,200. Then in June, Gardens Day was once again greatly enjoyed by many people. In spite of coming at the end of a very hot week, it raised £16000! Thanks to all who supported these events and also those who worked hard to make them successful.

10 NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

410 Zambia - Lake Bangweulu Area. 6 wells for communities and schools around the lake and nearby wetlands. With Afrinspire, funding of £5,487 including a contribution from the Rock House Foundation.

411 Malawi - 6 Villages in Chiringa Area. Construction of 200 basic latrines for individual households which will benefit around 1,200 people (similar to projects 392 & 399). With Aid Africa, funding of £3,400.

412 Uganda - Mityala. New 10,000 litre water storage tank for orphanage. With New Life for Orphans (via Afrinspire), funding of £830.

413 Uganda - Lwebisiriza. Water provision to a new school for disabled children comprising a borehole well, rainwater collection and connections to kitchens, bathrooms and dormitories. With HUGS, funding of £5,000.

414 Uganda - Wakiso. New 10 cubic metre water tank and fittings for a school and the wider community. With Teso Development Trust, funding of £925.

415 Uganda - Kabale. Provision of 2 x 3 cubic metre water tanks at school supporting 250 needy children established by Sunday John. Will help girl's hygiene in particular. Contact through Archer family, funding of £1,024.

416 Ghana - Gbolsaglaapuo. Provision of borehole well to serve 400 needy people. With Ghana Outlook, funding of £4,883.

417 Uganda - Busia Wetlands. Construction of 4 shallow wells. With Afrinspire, funding of £6,124.

418 Malawi - Msuku. Scheme to collect and pipe water from mountain springs to a remote village. With DRAOO and Jackie Geddes from Nantwich who has worked in this area for 4 years, funding of £6,434.

419 - Uganda - Sereri and Soroti Area. Construction of 4 wells at Agule, Appal, Omulala Erasmus and Ateng. With Teso Development Trust, funding of £6,000.

420 Uganda - Kirinya Children's Centre, Namataba. Toilets and handwashing facilities required urgently to enable school start in September (see project 384). With Helen Margaret Owen Foundation, funding of £3,013.

ELEVEN PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



416 Gbolsaglaapuo, Ghana. The 430 members of this water-melon farming community depended on a polluted stream or 20 able-bodied women and young girls who had to walk 2.5 km to a borehole. Now this is in the past as they have their own borehole which was drilled to a 65 m depth to ensure there is enough water even in the driest months (February - March).

A hand pump was installed and the area tiled, the local committee was briefed on maintenance and water samples were tested and deemed safe for drinking. The formal inauguration took place on 27th July. The local Chief and the landowner both expressed profound gratitude to Ghana Outlook and to Wilmslow Wells for funding the project .



10 year old Kwesi Dalipuyo (pictured left), a primary pupil, said that he used to go to the stream to fetch water for their animals every day and come late to school. Now they have the borehole, he will never be late again! Chief Yendou Maani said that he used to worry for his people but now he is happy and relieved because they have fresh water. He will make sure that they take care of it so that it serves them for many years.

ANNE MACDONALD

To lose Anne so suddenly was an enormous shock to Doug and her family as well as her many friends. She was a great supporter of Wilmslow Wells. Many of us will have happy memories of enjoying tea or coffee with cake in Anne and Doug's beautiful garden on Gardens Day, especially if we were fortunate enough to spot one of the dragonflies she so loved flitting across a pond.



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING Monday 26th October 7.30pm at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane. Find out about future plans and the projects we are funding as well as what has been achieved over the last year.

BRIDGE DRIVE Thursday, 19th November 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start at Morley Green Club with a delicious afternoon tea.

SPRING SOUPERDAY Saturday 6th March 11.30am - 2.00pm with soup, bread, hot drinks plus cake stall and home produce at Wilmslow Methodist Church, Water Lane.

GARDENS DAY Saturday 26th June 10.30am - 4.30pm. As always, there will be a great selection of beautiful gardens to visit and inspire you!

CHRISTMAS CARD



Another of Rosemary Stubbs's lovely designs has been chosen for this year's Christmas card. Once again, James Townsley is printing them at no cost and Pam Townsley will organise the packaging. This means everything raised will go directly into projects. Our cards will be on sale at the Charity Christmas Card Shop in Wilmslow Library from 31st October until 5th December.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of our work, please get in touch via our website or contact Helen Battilana by email:

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